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| Applicant:       | Hitoshi ISHICA et al.   | Art Unit: | 2157         |
| Application No.: | 09/764,299  | Examiner: | B.N. Burgess |
| Filed:           | January 19, 2001  | Conf.:    | 6355         |
| For:             | A SYSTEM FOR PUNCTUALLY SENDING<br>AND RECEIVING SERIAL DATA AND A<br>METHOD FOR SENDING AND RECEIVING<br>THE SERIAL DATA |           |              |

**RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-34 have been allowed. Applicants note that this response along with an RCE is being filed to allow the consideration of the attached references which currently came to the knowledge of Applicants. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are novel in view of the cited references and should maintain their allowability.

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the references in the corresponding filed Information Disclosure Statement. Also, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 25, 2006. Applicants have attached a copy of the PTO Form SB/08 submitted on October 25, 2006 for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application should maintain its allowable status. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the above, the Examiner is requested to contact Chad J. Billings at (703) 205-8001.